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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections

In response to the Examiner's comments in this section, claim 1 has been amended to refer to the support beam as a "printhead support beam".

Claims Rejections

Claims 1 and 5-7 have been rejected by the Examiner as being anticipated by Boyd et al. (US 6,322,206). In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the feature of the outer layers in the support beam having different coefficient of thermal expansion than the core layer. This feature was previously included in claim 4, which has now been deleted.

As the Examiner properly notes, none of the cited prior art discloses this feature. Thus, a skilled addressee apprised with the cited prior art document will not be able to derive the present invention as a matter of straightforward routine. Accordingly, it is submitted that the amended claim 1 is novel and inventive. Furthermore, all of the subsidiary claims are also novel and inventive by virtue of their dependence on claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful comments in this section.

In light of the introduced amendments and the above discussions, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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